The College has also been fortunate to receive support to enrich and expand our academic programs including a grant from Bethpage Federal Credit Union to support our Entrepreneurial Assistance Youth Summer Camp, a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to benefit green initiatives for our HVAC Program, support from the National Council of Teachers of English for a faculty study and a Federal Title III grant to improve and strengthen the academic quality of education.

In March, we received official notice that our POWER (Pathways to Opportunities Within Energy and Renewables) grant funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, had received a no-cost extension through June 2014 based on superior performance to date. Awarded in July 2010, our performance through December 31, 2012 shows that 259 participants successfully completed energy efficiency, LEED and Solar/PV installer training; 175 of the completers were employed. Similarly, our participation in the Health IT Community College Consortium, led by Tidewater Community College (VA), received notice on March 23rd of approval for a second no-cost extension. The Consortium, with 23 original sub-awardees, was first funded in April 2010 for a period of two years. Following its first extension period, 14 community colleges remained. Suffolk is one of only three remaining consortium partner colleges asked to continue. The others are both in New Jersey (Essex and Gloucester County). To date 351 participants have successfully completed training.

The College submitted two proposals to the SUNY 2020 grant competition. The first of these cast Suffolk in the role of Downstate Regional Lead in an advanced manufacturing and composites workforce training initiative, led by Fulton Montgomery Community College. The second proposal requested $15 million for the construction, on the Michael J. Grant Campus, of a new, 31,600 square foot, Renewable Energy and STEM Center (RESC). Although neither of these proposals was successful, the RESC proposal was instrumental to the College's successful effort to get the RESC building included in the state and the county capital budgets.

The College's National institutes of Health (NIH) Department of Health and Human Services Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award (IRACDA) began this year with a visit to the College by a team of postdoctoral researchers from Stony Brook University. The project is entitled *Consortia for the Advancement of Postdoctoral Scholars* (CAPS). The College will receive approximately $140,000 over three years to mentor up to 10 postdoctoral students who will gain teaching experience at Suffolk.

A faculty team from the Ammerman Campus has been selected to receive a $10,000 SUNY Innovative Instructional Technology Grant (IITG) for a project entitled *E-portfolios for Student Veterans at SCCC*. The team will use the funds to equip a learning space in the Huntington Library that will host e-portfolio and digital media equipment for student veterans intended to facilitate their transition to the campus and result in individualized electronic portfolios.

A faculty team from the Michael J. Grant Campus hosted an extremely successful, day-long symposium entitled Digital Humanities and the Transformation of Scholarship with grant funds from a SUNY Conversations in the Disciplines (CID) Award. Suffolk County Community College was the only community college to receive a CID award last year.



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